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VISIT TO LINZ

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH LINZ MAYOR BREITENBACH AND HIS STAFF TO DISCUSS PROPOSED VISIT BY MRS. CARTER AND AMY ON JULY 16. AT THE START OF DISCUSSIONS, EMBOFFS MADE CLEAR THAT A VISIT TO LINZ BY THE FRIST LADY IS ONLY IN DISCUSSION STAGE AND SHOULD IN NO WAY BE TAKEN AS FIRM. WITH THAT CAVEAT, LINZ AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS SKETCHED FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR A VISIT.

2. 1600 - MRS. CARTER AND HER PARTY ARRIVE AT MAIN PIER IN LINZ ABOARD A PRIVATELY CHARTERED RHINE STEAMER. MRS. CARTER AND AMY DISEMBARK FROM STEAMER AND ARE GREETED BY MAYOR BREITENBACH AT THE FOOT OF THE PIER. MAYOR BREITENBACH MAKES BRIEF (INFORMAL) WELCOMING REMARKS AND A LOCAL HONOR GUARD PRESENTS A GUN SALUTE. MRS. CARTER WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ADDRESS THE GREETING PARTY. SOME 2,000 TO 3,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT AT THE PIER.

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3. 1605 - MRS. CARTER AND AMY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE MAYOR, PROCEED BY FOOT ALONG THE RHINE FOR ABOUT 200 YARDS AND ENTER LINZ THROUGH THE CITY ARCH.

4. 1610 - MRS. CARTER ARRIVES AT BURG (FORTRESS) FEITH. LINZ IS THE SISTER CITY OF MARIETTA, GEORGIA AND THE STATE FLAG FLIES OVER THE BURG. THE MAYOR WILL

OUTLINE FOR MRS. CARTER THE HISTORY OF THE SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP IN INFORMAL REMARKS DIRECTED TO THE FIRST LADY BUT NOT TO THE ASSEMBLED CROWDS. THERE WILL THEN BE A PICTURE TAKING SESSION IN FRONT OF THE BURG UNDER THE GEORGIA STATE FLAG. THE MAYOR WILL ALSO PRESENT TO MRS. CARTER TWO HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM MARIETTA WHO WILL HAVE ARRIVED IN LINZ TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST LADY'S VISIT. THE ACTIVITIES AT THE BURG WILL BE INFORMAL AND NEITHER THE MAYOR NOR MRS. CARTER WILL ADDRESS THE PUBLIC.

5. 1620 - MRS. CARTER AND HER PARTY LEAVE BURG FEITH AND PROCEED ALONG THE RHEINSTRASSE TO THE MARKTPLATZ (MARKET PLACE). THE RHEINSTRASSE IS A COLORFUL, NARROW, HISTORIC STREET LINED WITH HALF-TIMBER HOUSES AND CHARMING SHOPS. THE DISTANCE FROM THE BURG TO THE MARKTPLATZ IS ABOUT 200 YARDS AND WOULD BE COVERED BY FOOT.

6. 1625 - MRS. CARTER AND HER PARTY ARRIVE AT THE MARKTPLATZ AND PROCEED TO THE MEDIEVAL CITY HALL (RATHAUS), DATING BACK TO THE 14TH CENTURY. SOME 3-4,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED IN THE SQUARE WHERE MRS. CARTER WILL BE OFFICIALLY WELCOMED BY THE MAYOR AND IN TURN EXPECTED TO MAKE BRIEF REMARKS. THE LATTER WOULD NOT EXCEED TWO TO
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THREE MINUTES AND

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SHOULD PROBABLY FOCUS ON THE SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP. THE EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT DRAFT REMARKS. FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL WELCOME A LOCAL GROUP WILL PERFORM FOLK DANCES AND THE TOWN'S WINE QUEEN WILL BE PRESENTED TO MRS. CARTER. THE PROGRAM CAN BE EASILY EXPANDED TO INCLUDE OTHER FOLKLORIC GROUPS SHOULD MRS. CARTER SO DESIRE. AT PRESENT THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR 15 MINUTES.

7. 1640 - MRS. CARTER AND HER PARTY ENTER THE CITY HALL FOR A GOLDEN BOOK SIGNING CEREMONY. THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY COUNCIL'S CHAMBERS, A RUSTIC SETTING, SIMPLE BUT ATTRACTIVE. FOLLOWING THE SIGNING, MRS. CARTER WILL HAVE COFFEE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THEIR WIVES. THE MAYOR PLANS TO PRESENT TO MRS. CARTER A BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF LINZ AND HE WILL HAVE A GIFT FOR AMY AS WELL. IN RESPONSE, WE SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MRS. CARTER PRESENTING THE MAYOR WITH A BOOK ON MARIETTA OR GEORGIA. THIS PART OF THE VISIT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES.

8. 1700 - MRS. CARTER AND HER PARTY RETURN TO THE
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RHINE STEAMER VIA THE SAME ROUTE. WALKING TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

9. AS PRESENTLY ENVISIONED THE VISIT TO LINZ WOULD TAKE ABOUT 70 MINUTES. REFTTEL A PROPOSED A VISIT OF 90 MINUTES. AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 6 THE VISIT COULD BE EASILY EXPANDED THROUGH THE ADDITION OF OTHER FOLKLORIC GROUPS. ALTERNATIVELY, MORE TIME COULD BE SPENT OVER COFFEE AND AN INFORMAL CHAT AT THE RATHAUS. MAYOR BREITENBACH WOULD BE PLEASED TO LENGTHEN THE VISIT. EMBOFFS AND LINZ OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SCENARIO IN DETAIL WITH ADVANCE TEAM.
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